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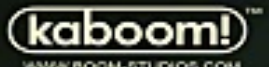


OOF!

Why'd you stop? I just gave you a piece!
Meh-eh-eh.

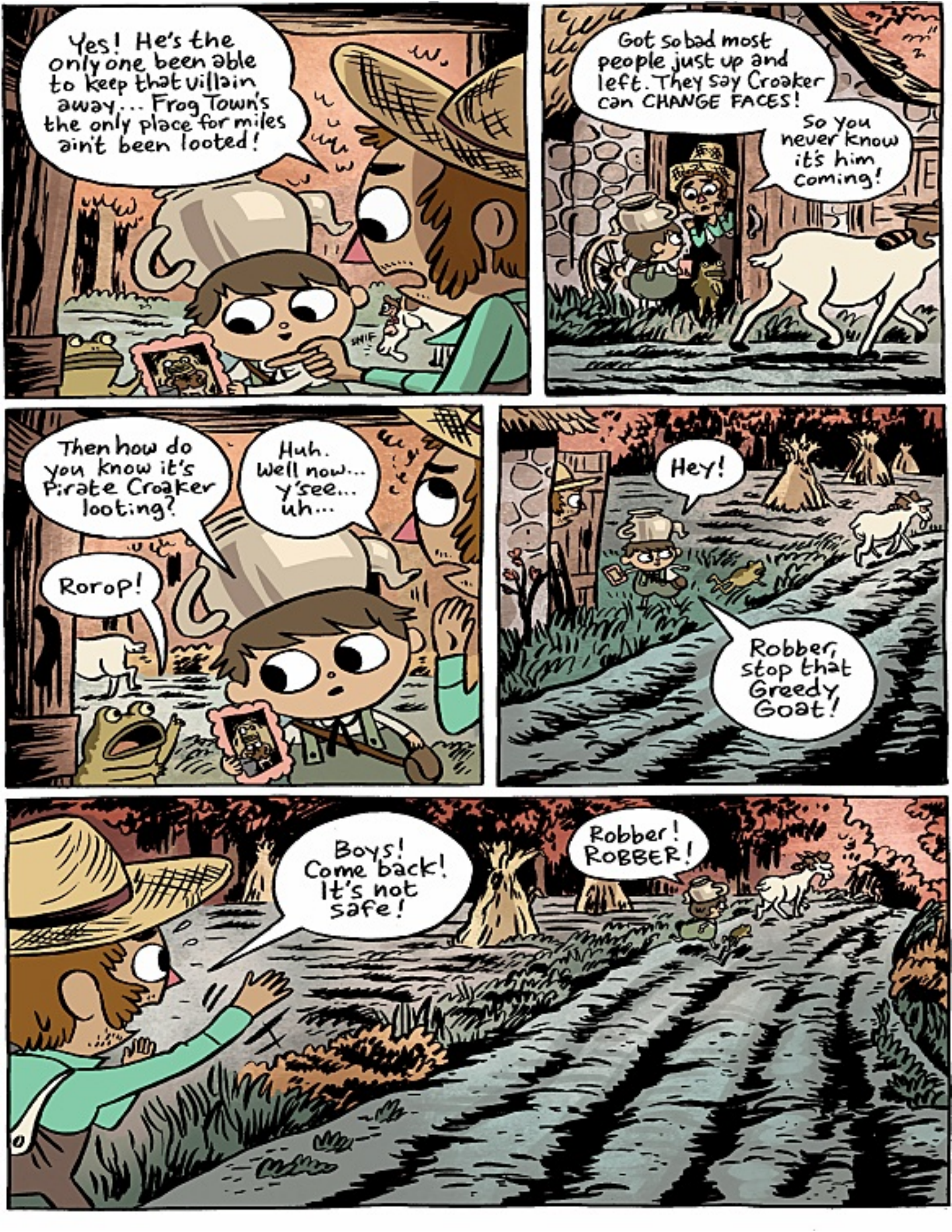
Fine. But if you keep snacking like this, we won't have enough candy for dinner.

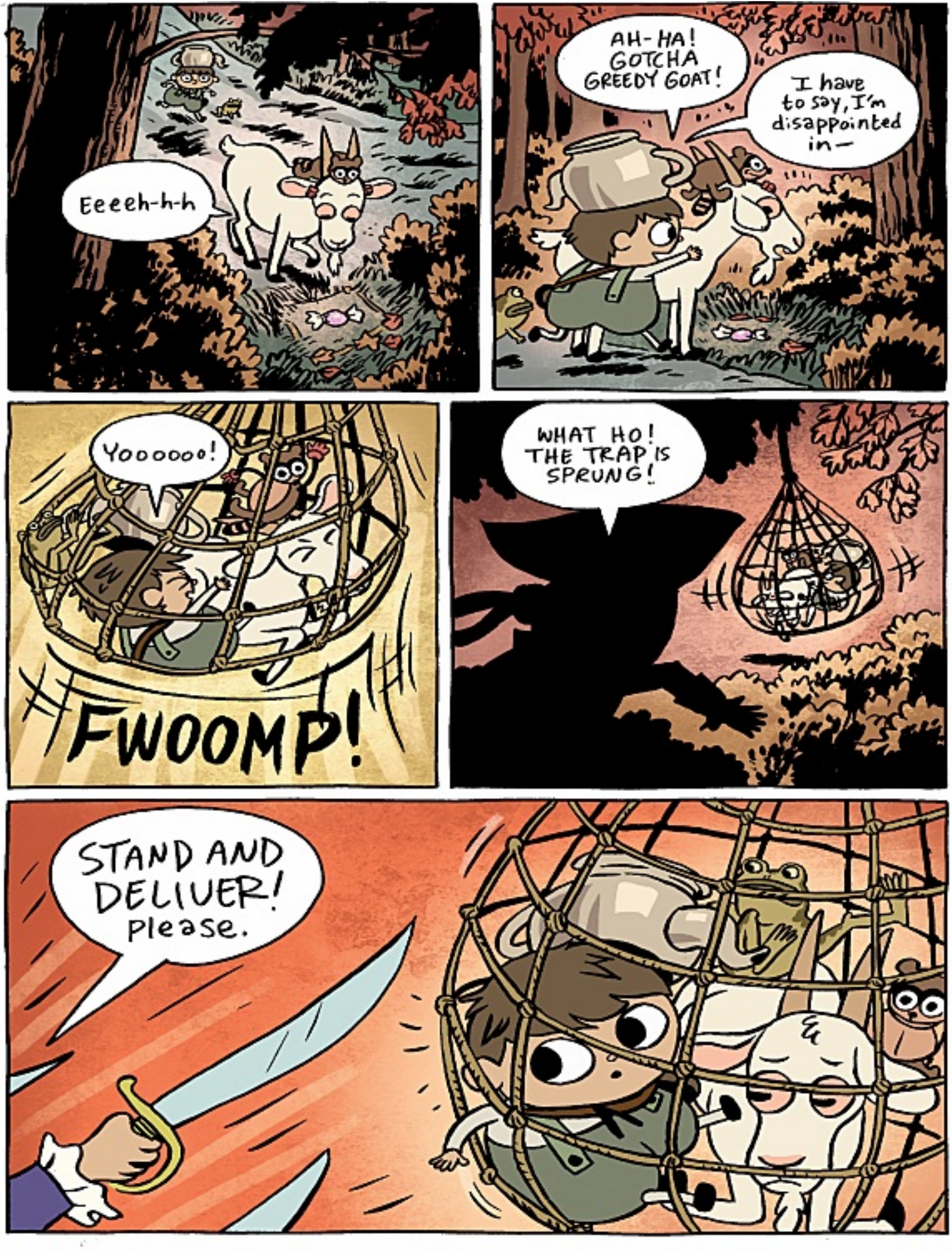
Greedy Goat. That's what I'm going to call you.

YOUNG MAN! Come here at once!

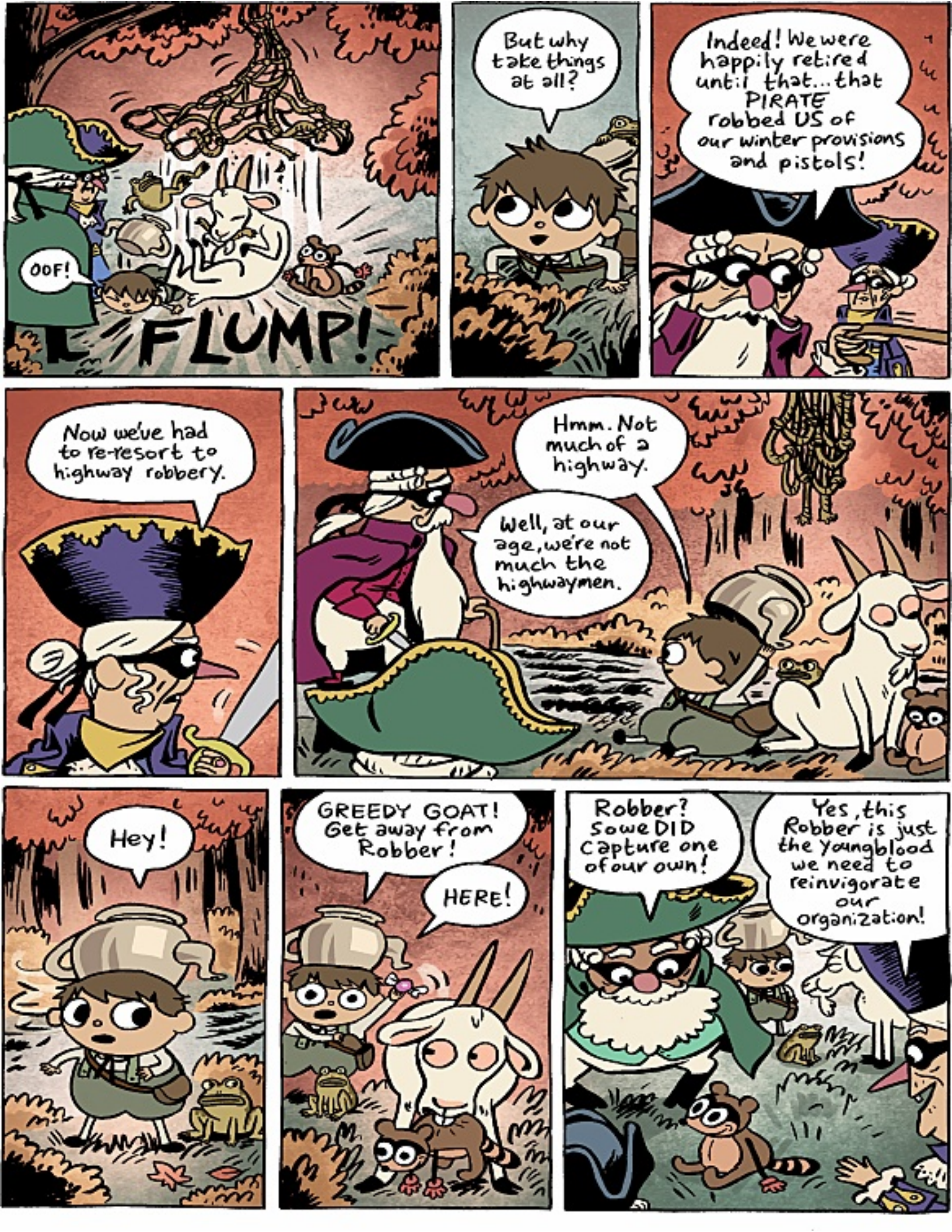
Wait here and keep an eye on Greedy for me, Robber.

It isn't safe to ride round these parts! Don't you know the dread pirate Croaker roams the woods?
Oh, well we're making our way to Frog town to find this guy.


Yes! He's the only one been able to keep that villain away... Frog Town's the only place for miles ain't been looted!
SNIF
Got so bad most people just up and left. They say Croaker can CHANGE FACES!
So you never know it's him coming!
Then how do you know it's Pirate Croaker looting?
Huh. Well now... y'see... uh...
Rorop!
Hey!
Robber, stop that Greedy Goat!
Boys! Come back! It's not safe!
Robber! ROBBER!


Eeeeh-h-h
AH-HA! GOTCHA GREEDY GOAT!
I have to say, I'm disappointed in—
Yooooooo!
FWOOMP!
WHAT HO! THE TRAP IS SPRUNG!
STAND AND DELIVER! Please.

PIRATE CROAKER! You let us down!
Pirate Croaker?! That rapscallion?
Why I've never been so insulted... the very NERVE...
My dear boy, we are no pirates... We—
-ARE HIGHWAYMEN!
Gentlemen robbers of the road!
And we always have the decency to look the part!
...not changing shape and names as we feel. Hmpf!
...And we always say "please" when taking people's things
saying please is very important.


OOF!
FLUMP!
But why take things at all?
Indeed! We were happily retired until that... that PIRATE robbed US of our winter provisions and pistols!
Now we've had to re-resort to highway robbery.
Hmm. Not much of a highway.
Well, at our age, we're not much the highwaymen.
Hey!
GREEDY GOAT! Get away from Robber!
HERE!
Robber? So we DID capture one of our own!
Yes, this Robber is just the youngblood we need to reinvigorate our organization!

Hah! To the highway, wicked gentlemen! Let Robber lead us ply our trade!
And so...
Yer cheese!
...if you please, good sir.
Thank you!
Hands in the air with ye!
Might we please relieve you of your acorn?

Wh-who goes there?
KNOCK KNOCK
Highwaymen, sir! Might we relieve you of some provisions please?
Whew!
I was worried you was that dread pirate!
Perish the thought!
In these dire times, we need to help our neighbors.
Especially when they're so polite!
Now where'd that goat o'mine get off to?
ROROP!
Ah-HAH! Boy do you like snacking.
B'gosh, ye've found the mother load!
And yet... tis no one around to rob it from.
SUGAR
MOLASSES

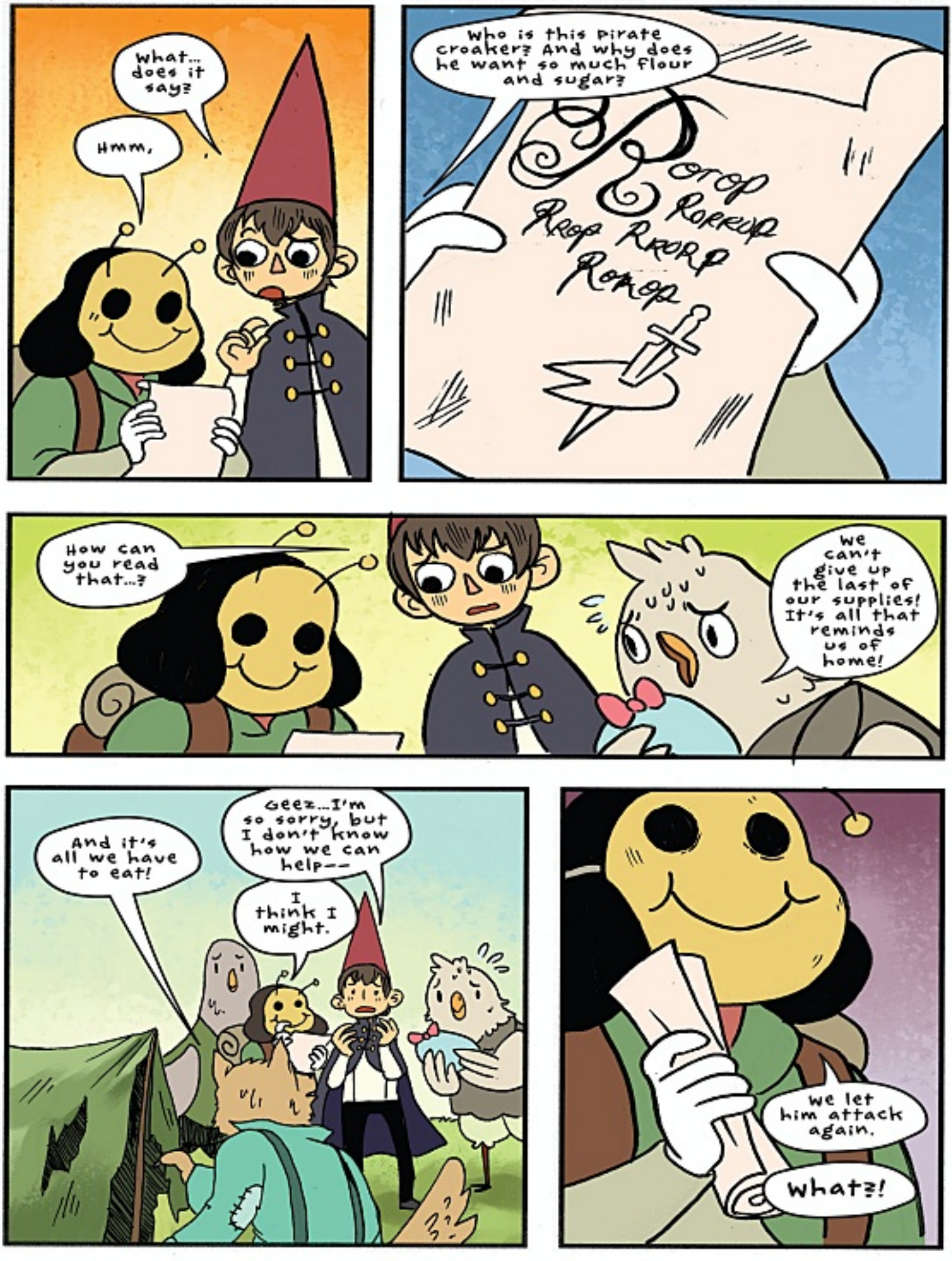
Indeed, a conundrum. What do you say, young Robber?
You could ask the duck...
CAPITAL! THE DUCK!
Good sir duck...
We shall relieve you of your tiresome burden!
...and take it upon ourselves!
Good day!
QUACK.
HUZZAH! PROVISIONS FOR MANY WINTERS!
Meanwhile...
QUACK.

A full belly and a warm fire is all this highwayman could ask for!
Now we can return to retirement, and indulge our main hobby once again...
What's that?
PHILANTHROPY!

Thank ye! Neighbors got to be looking out for each other these days, I say!
Ah, such joy to indulge one's hobbies!
The life of a retiree for me, I say!
And we owe it all to our fellow-in-arms here!
In honor of your comrade's exemplary criminal services, we're setting you all free!
Oh, I didn't realize I was captured. Thank you!
GO FORTH! But heed our advice— There are indeed monsters in these woods, and those who serve them....
...Beware false faces, young fellows, BEWARE.
To be continued...

sorry...!
Thanks anyway!
sigh...
maybe you're asking the wrong question.
what?
well,
Isn't Greg always coming up with weird songs? shouldn't you just ask if they've seen a little boy instead?
oh...
That... makes sense, actually
Help!!

You must help us! Our settlement is being attacked by pirates!
And we just finished setting up our tents...
Pirates...? Is the ocean nearby?
This is no time for jokes.
Help!
Our food!
Save us!
Waa-aah!
I've brought help!!
Well, it's come too late!
He's gone! And he left a note-- he's coming back!
Oh, dash it all...
Can we see that note?


What... does it say?
Hmm,
Who is this pirate croaker? And why does he want so much flour and sugar?
Rorop Rorrop Rrop Rrorp Rorop
How can you read that...?
We can't give up the last of our supplies! It's all that reminds us of home!
And it's all we have to eat!
Geez...I'm so sorry, but I don't know how we can help--
I think I might.
We let him attack again.
What?!

Have you hidden the goods?
Yes ma'am! Just the finishing touches left.
And you made sure all the kids are out of harm's way?
Well, yes, I think so--
So, yes?
Um... yes.
Excellent! Then--
RRRORROP!!

RRRORROP!!
Ack!!
You'll regret messing with us, croaker!
NOW!!
RoRp!

RORROP!
He's going to return again?!
And with a vengeance?!
Drat!

What will we do now?!
What about a decoy?

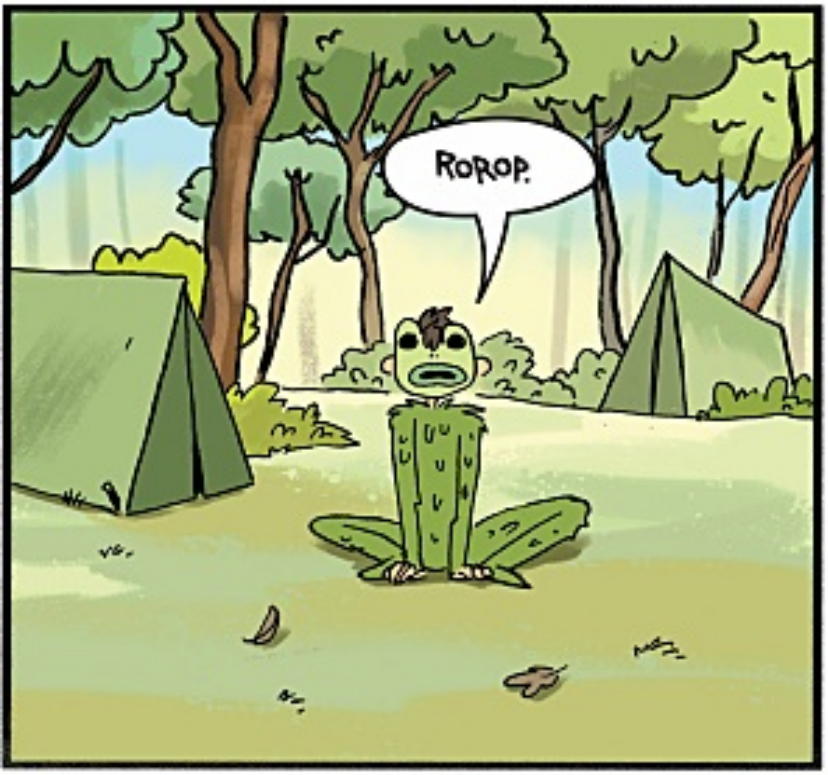
If we have someone pretend to be a captured frog, and Pirate Croaker wants to look, he'll slow down enough that we can catch him..?
Hmm...

Sorry, I guess that isn't really practical--
That's a great idea!
Oh, really?

oh...
sorry, but I have to help man the net this time.

Ready, Wirt?

no...


RoRop.

no, no, like this--
RoRRRRop!

yes! just like that!
That wasn't me...

RRROORRROP!

steady, everyone!

steady...

NOW!

RORP?

Rrrgh--
ha!

Gotcha!

It... worked?
Of course it did- it was a good idea. Now, 'pirate'--

What have you got to say for yourself?--

RORROP!
Drat!! You're not the pirate!

But that means...
RRRRORROP!

Double drat!!

I'm sorry we couldn't save your flour...
Or your sugar...
Not to worry, friends!

In the chaos, it seems we've received a letter from the esteemed Hero Frog!
Huh?

Hmm...
Roprop
Roprop Roprop
Ropropropr
You see? our town has been saved by the Hero! We can finally return!

Isn't that the town overtaken by buzzards?
And the shapeshifter... definitely suspicious.
No, no--

You have it all wrong! Hero Frog is, well, a hero! He's never hurt a soul in his life. You can ask him yourself! That's where that little boy was off to, anyway--

Little boy? Greg?
Something like that--he was on his way to find the Hero Frog too, in the town he governs.
You can't miss it--it's the only town over the mountain!

Good luck, travelers!
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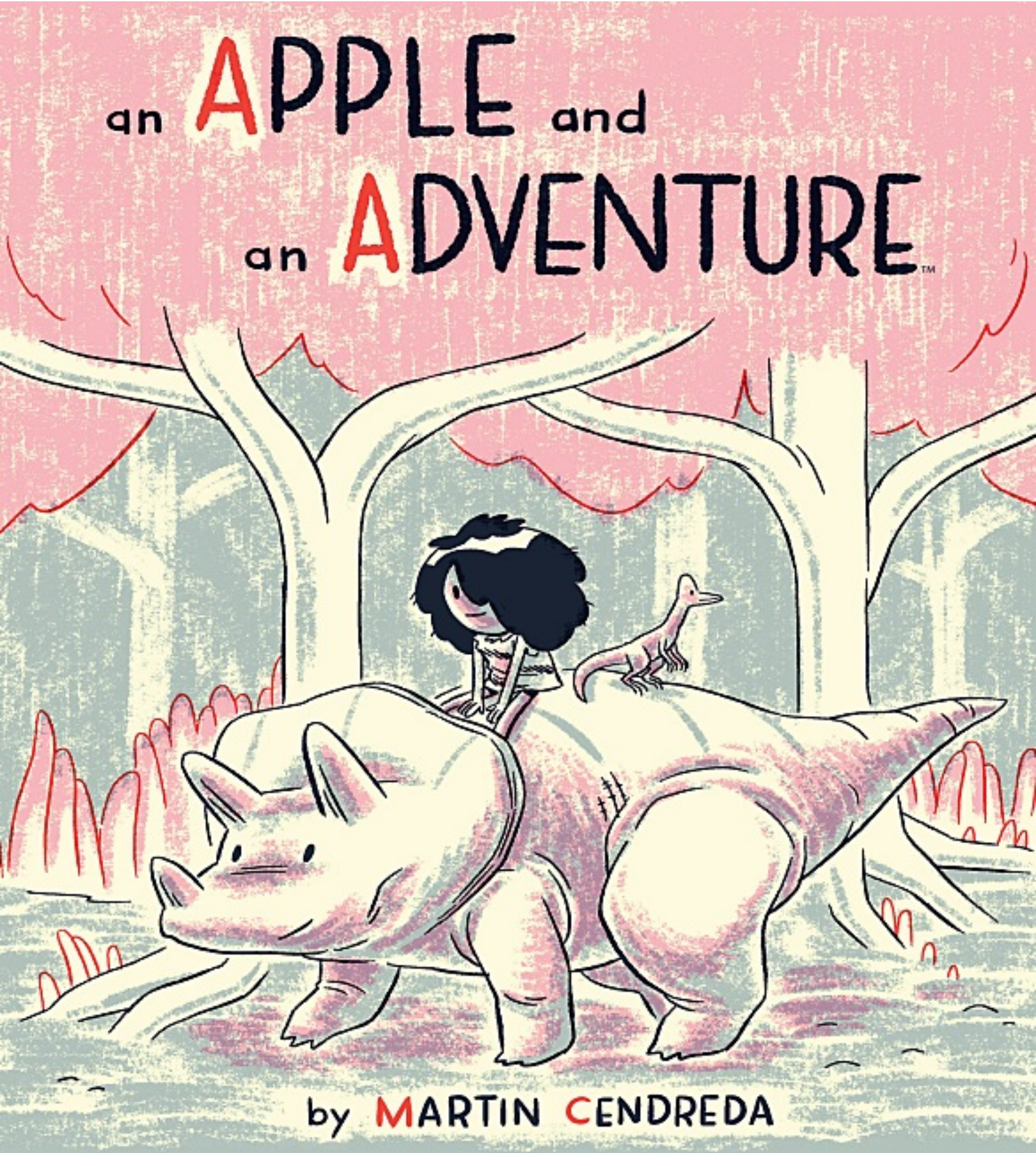

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